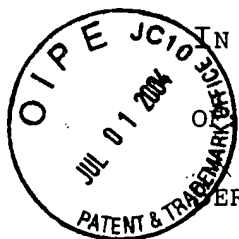


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Sir:

In reply to the Office action of December 31, 2004, it is respectfully requested that the following amendment and remarks be entered and considered for further prosecution of the above-identified application:

A M E N D M E N T

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel Claims 2 to 4 and 22 and amend Claims 1, 5, 11 and 23 as indicated in the Listing of Claims set forth in Appendix I attached to this paper.

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